City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	City Council
By:	Leah C. Greenblat, Transportation Planner
Date Written:	December 2, 2008
Meeting Date:	December 8, 2008
Subject:	Comments on Proposed County Connection Spring 2009 Service Cuts

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Introduction / Discussion

At its December 1, 2008 meeting, the Circulation Commission received a presentation from Erling Horn, Lafayette's representative to County Connection, regarding the transit system's proposed Spring 2009 service cuts. The Commission reviewed a staff report, attached, and additional information provided by Mr. Horn, attached, and provided comments to staff on a draft comment letter to County Connection. The Commission agreed to forward a draft comment letter, attached, for the Council's consideration.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

1. Forward comment letter to County Connection

Attachments

1. Draft comment letter
2. November 20, 2008 Circulation Commission staff report
3. Supplemental Information distributed by Erling Horn

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December 9, 2008

Anne Muzzini
Director of Planning and Technical Services
Central Contra Costa Transit Authority
3477 Arnold Industrial Way
Concord, CA 94520

Dear Ms. Muzzini:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on County Connection's proposed 2009 Spring Service Changes. Both the Lafayette City Council and its Circulation Commission have reviewed the proposal and the City Council authorized sending this letter at its December 8, 2008 meeting.

We wish to first highlight several issues that provide important context to our comments.

First, the two prior County Connection service changes resulted in the City of Lafayette's residents, businesses and their employees experiencing significant reductions in transit service. The current Route 206 schedule is so curtailed that if a resident wanted to ride the bus to work in the morning, there is no service offered to return in the evening. A passenger destined for downtown Walnut Creek who wishes to remain on the same transit system would need to travel south to Rossmoor, transfer buses and then head north to downtown Walnut Creek. To suggest that ridership in Lafayette is low, acknowledgement also needs to occur of the circuitous network connections and previous reductions in service that have resulted inconvenient and infrequent service.

Second, in 2007 the City of Lafayette undertook a transportation survey of its downtown employers and employees. This survey indicated that 40% of downtown employees commute to Lafayette from nearby jurisdictions to the north and east of the City; yet there is no direct County Connection service between Lafayette and Downtown Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Martinez etc. Downtown employees and employers frequently complain about the lack of parking for employees and the City of Lafayette has been

actively working with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to transition employees from driving to transit to help improve the situation.

Third, the current County Connection network leaves Lafayette disconnected from the remainder of the transit system during almost all hours of the day. The existing routes do not provide feeder service to County Connection's trunk lines and do not provide service where Lafayette residents and employees need to go. County Connection service is an important complement to the redevelopment of Lafayette's Downtown.

Finally, we are concerned about the way that data are being presented via the "dot maps" to justify the reduction in service. It is unfair to compare total ridership between a route with only a handful of bus runs per day with other routes that are more frequent in service. As an example, in terms of ridership, Route 206 with only a handful of buses a day will of course pale in comparison to Route 110 with runs every 15 minutes throughout the day. This should not be the sole justification for reducing Route 206 further. The information presented at your public workshop, and presumably to policy makers, should be "normalized" so that some per-unit basis could be used to compare data in an unbiased way.

Below are our specific comments on the proposed service changes:

1. We support the proposed addition of Sunday schedules accomplished through the re-allocation of existing staff resources. This is a wonderful example of a win-win situation.

2. We oppose the elimination of Route 206. The proposed cut of Route 206 would eliminate transit access to the Lafayette Community Center, Senior Center, Buckeye Fields and the Lafayette-Moraga Trail along St. Mary's Road. It would eliminate access to Campolindo High School for Lafayette student-residents who live in Burton Valley but must attend this school. Also eliminating this route ends transit service between Burton Valley and Lafayette's Downtown and BART Station. If Route 206 is discontinued, extend Route 106 north from St. Mary's College to the Lafayette Community Center.

3. We support the newly proposed Route 125 which would provide a transit connection between Downtown Lafayette and Downtown Walnut Creek via Mt. Diablo Boulevard. However, we believe this route would be more successful if it made this link more direct by eliminating the Olympic Boulevard portion. Possible routing could be from Mt. Diablo Boulevard via SR-24 or via Old Tunnel Road, El Curtola and Camino Diablo. Route 125 would:

    a. Link Lafayette to the rest of the County Connection system;

b. Provide service to at least two large employers on the east end of Lafayette's downtown as well as the office complexes near Pleasant Hill Road and Old Tunnel Road and on the north side of Camino Diablo near the SR-24/I-680 interchange;

c. Link the Lafayette BART Station with the eastern half of Downtown Lafayette;

d. Be consistent with the recent feedback we have received from businesses and residents during our Downtown Strategy Plan process; and

e. Provide service unique from BART by having buses entering Downtown Walnut Creek near its southern boundary.

4. In order to minimize service cuts, we would support earlier implementation of fare increases and the elimination of the mid-day, free rides for seniors. Seniors on County Connection currently receive discounted fares at other times of day. We support continuation of the senior fare discount.

5. When you begin to develop schedules in response to the adopted service changes, transit service should be provided so riders can transfer to and from BART and County Connection during both the morning and evening commute periods. To accomplish this the evening commute period should extend beyond 6:00 PM.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2009 Spring Service Changes. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Leah Greenblat, Transportation Planner, at 925.299.3229.

Thank you again for seeking our input.

Sincerely,

[Click here and type your name]
Mayor

cc: Erling Horn
Circulation Commission
Leah Greenblat

City of Lafayette Staff Report

For:	Circulation Commission
By:	Leah C. Greenblat, Transportation Planner
Date Written:	November 20, 2008
Meeting Date:	December 1, 2008
Subject:	County Connection Proposed Service Cuts

Introduction / Discussion

County Connection is considering implementing service cuts due to:

- ☐ State revenue loss
- ☐ Sales Tax revenue decline
- ☐ Fuel cost volatility
- ☐ Depletion of Reserves

County Connection's goal is to reduce expenses by $4 million or the equivalent of 74,639 operating hours, which is equivalent to 23% of its service. The City of Lafayette's representative on the County Connection Board of Directors is Erling Horn. Mr. Horn also serves on its Operations and Scheduling (O&S) Committee. Mr. Horn will attend your meeting, provide a presentation and solicit your feedback on the proposed service changes.

Mr. Horn provided information regarding the proposed service cuts and copies of the existing County Connection routes that serve Lafayette, attached. The proposed changes in combination with the earlier service cuts in Lamorinda would result in noteworthy changes in operation and convenience for Lamorinda. Staff prepared a draft comment letter, attached, for your consideration to forward to City Council. It provides additional background on the existing and proposed transit service.

The O&S Committee will be discussing the proposal at its December 5, 2009 meeting and forwarding its comments to the County Connection Board for its consideration on December 18, 2009.

ITEM 5A

Fiscal Impact

None.

Recommendation

1. Forward draft comment letter to City Council for its consideration

Attachments

1. Excerpt from October 30, 2009 County Connection Board presentation
2. County Connection existing schedules for Routes 106/126, 206, 250 and 820
3. Draft comment letter

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Service Changes

- Service Level Reduction
  - Cut 74,600 hours or 23% of Total
- Implement Fare Increase Early
  - Originally scheduled for July 1, 2009
- Eliminate Mid-day Free
- Other Administrative Cost Cutting Measures
  - Close the Transit Center

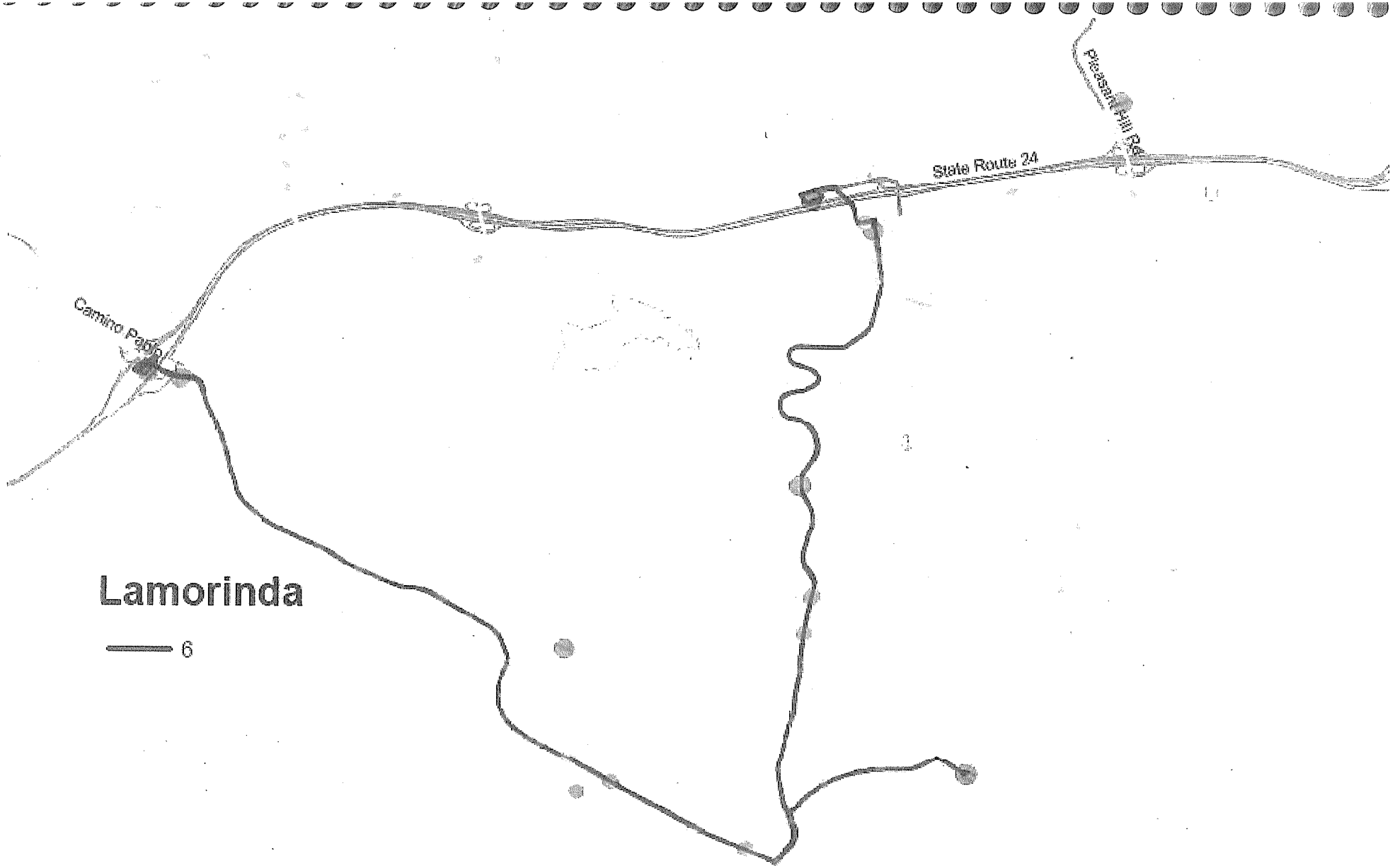
#2 – System wide Analysis

Need 74,600 Hrs/Yr

	Now	Spring	Savings
Weekend	463	300	163
Weekday	1,218	964	254
5 Weekdays			1,270
Savings/Week			1,433
Annual Savings			74,516

Weekend Service

- Propose that Saturday and Sunday levels of service be the same
- Why?
  - Simple to understand and remember
  - Use of hybrid routes on both days to maximize coverage
  - More efficient for scheduling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State Route 24
Camino Pablo
Lamorinda
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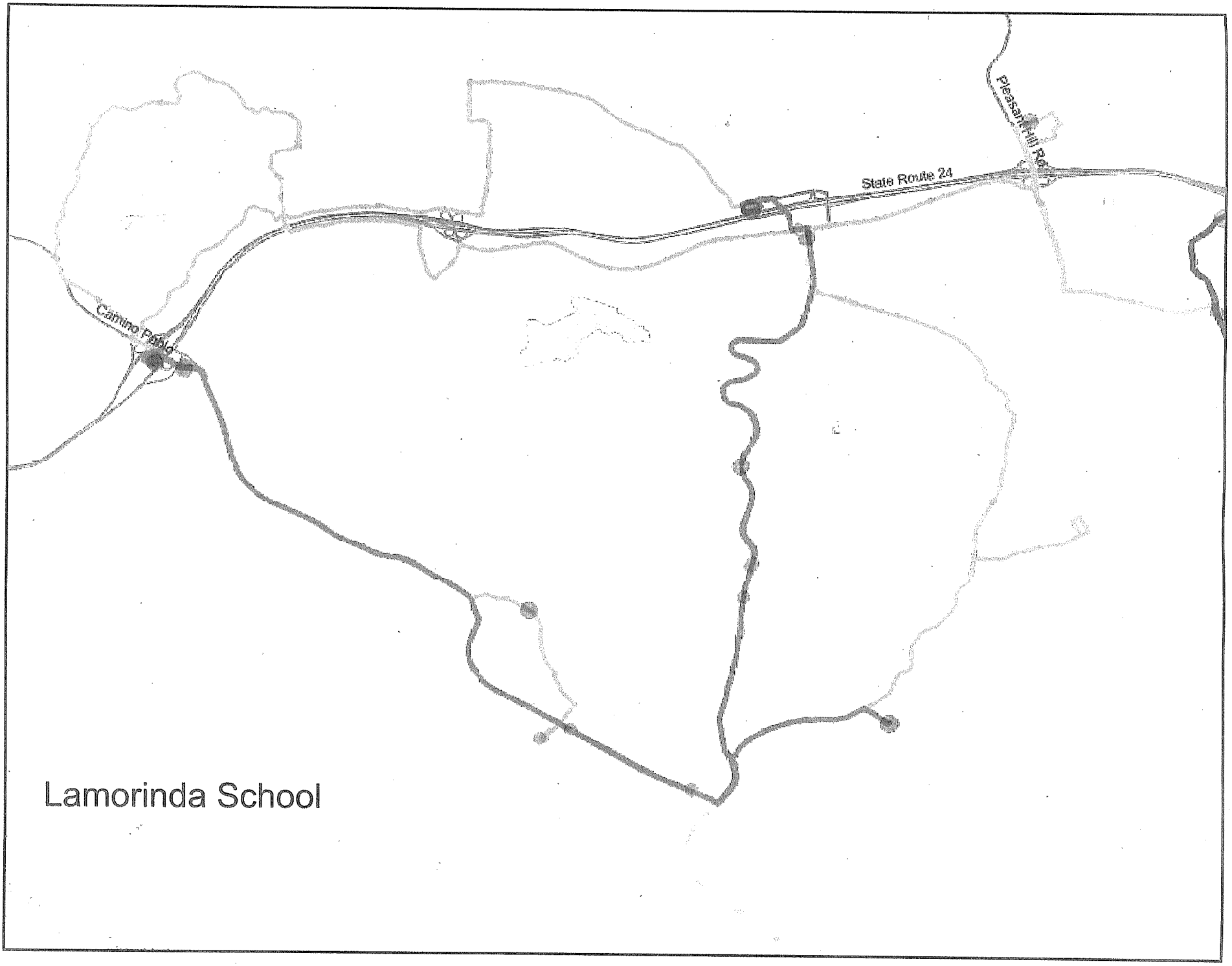
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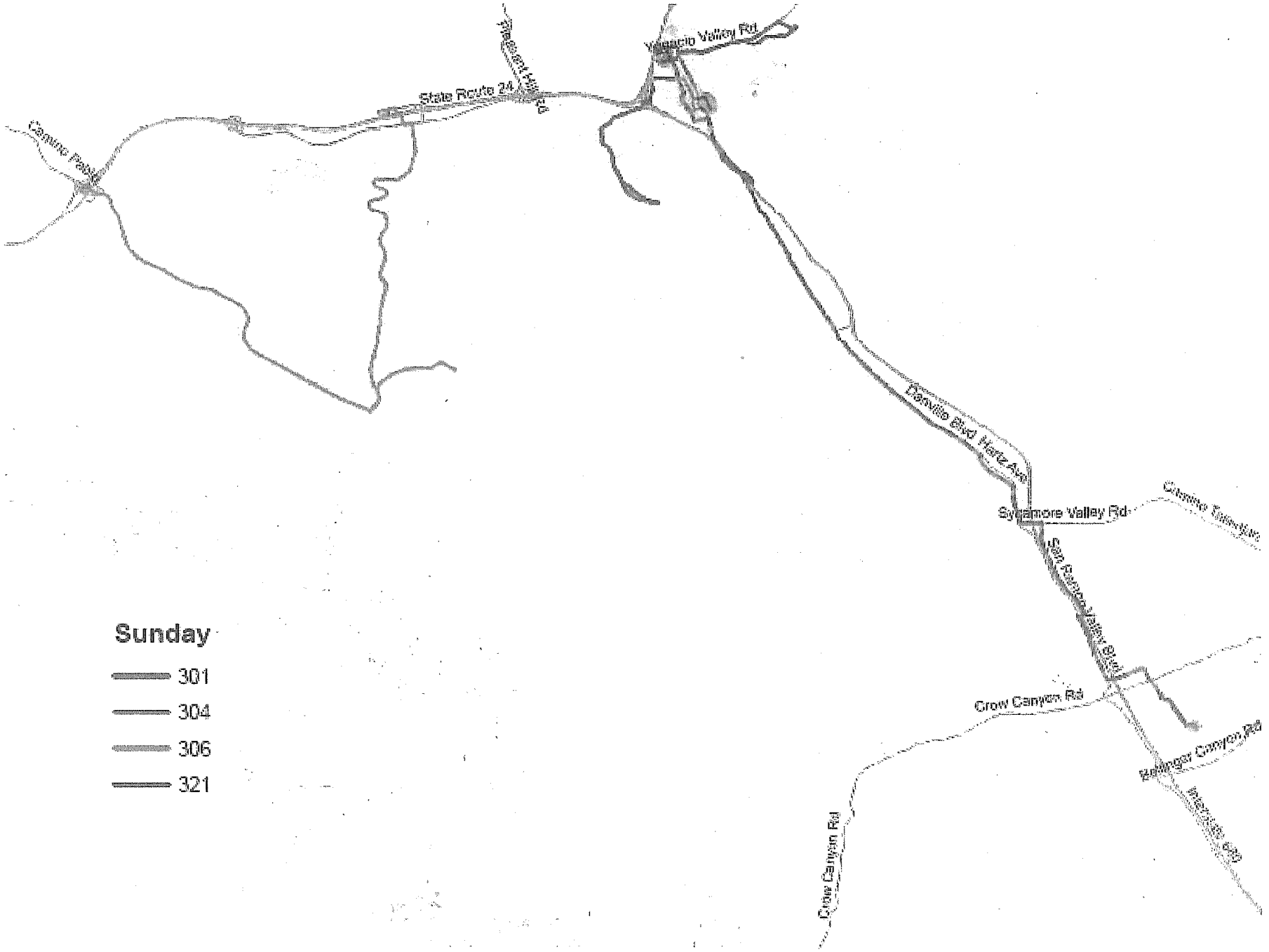
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Crow Canyon Rd
Bollinger Canyon Rd
Alcosta Blvd

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2009 Fare Increases

In October of 2005 the County Connection Board of Directors approved a schedule of fare adjustments to be implemented in February of 2006 and July of 2009. In light of budget shortfalls, and to minimize the impact of multiple changes, the adopted fare structure for July 2009 is proposed to be implemented with the spring service changes.

	Current	Effective April 2009
Adult		
Adult/Youth Cash	$1.75	$2.00
Adult/Youth Monthly Pass	$53.00	$60.00
Adult/Youth 12-Ride	$17.00	$20.00
Senior/Disabled		
Senior/Disabled Cash	$ .85	$1.00
Senior/Disabled 10AM-2PM with RTC Card	Free	$1.00
Senior/Disabled 20-Ride	$13.00	$15.00
BART Transfer Senior/Disabled	$ .40	$ .50
Commuter		
Adult Cash with BART Transfer	$2.60	$3.00
Commuter Card (20 Bus + 20 BART)	$36.00	$40.00
Transfers/BART	$ .85	$1.00
Express Bus Cash	$2.00	$2.25
Bus to Bus Transfers	Free	Free
Link Paratransit	$3.00	$4.00

206A - Monday - Friday

Rossmoor Shopping Center to Lafayette BART to St. Mary's College

Leave Rossmoor Shopping Center	Pleasant Hill/ Olympic	Camino Diablo/ Stanley	Mt. Diablo/ Pleasant Hill	Arrive Lafayette BART	BART: To SFO	BART: To Pittsburg/ Bay Point	BART: From Pittsburg/ Bay Point	BART: From SFO	Leave Lafayette BART	Moraga Rd/ Mt. Diablo	St. Marys/ Avalon	St. Marys/ Community Center	Rohrer/ Merriewood	Arrive St. Mary's College
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206A - Monday - Friday

St. Mary's College to Lafayette BART to Rossmoor Shopping Center

Leave St. Mary's College	Rohrer/ Merriewood	St. Marys/ Community Center	St. Marys/ Avalon	Moraga Rd/ Mt. Diablo	Arrive Lafayette BART	BART: To SFO	BART: To Pittsburg/ Bay Point	BART: From Pittsburg/ Bay Point	BART: From SFO	Leave Lafayette BART	Mt. Diablo/ Pleasant Hill	Camino Diablo/ Stanley	Pleasant Hill/ Olympic	Arrive Rossmoor Shopping Center
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206 L - Monday - Friday

Lafayette BART to Lafayette BART

BART: From Pittsburg/ Bay Point	BART: From SFO	Leave Lafayette BART	Happy Valley/ Upper Happy Valley	El Nido Ranch/ Lizann	Hidden Valley/ Blackthorn	Acalanes/ Valente	Mt. Diablo/ Acalanes	Upper Happy Valley/ Happy Valley	Arrive Lafayatte BART	BART: To SFO	BART: To Pittsburg/ Bay Point
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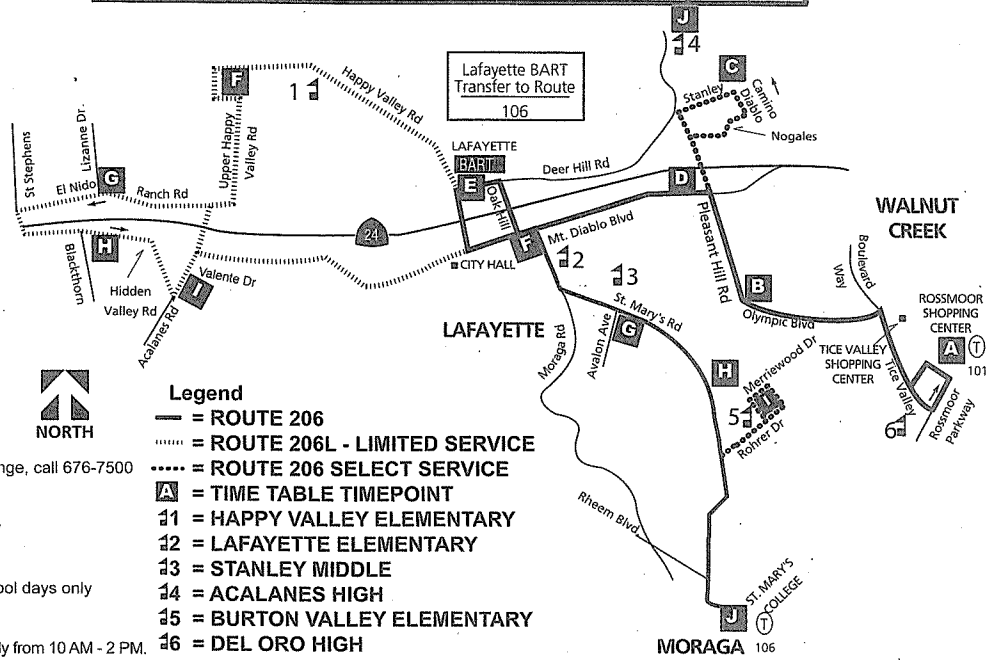

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BART-to-Bus Connections
To accommodate passengers making a BART-to-bus transfer, County Connection bus operators may wait for arriving trains up to three (3) minutes beyond their scheduled departure time when necessary.

Transfers
Free transfers are honored between County Connection and the following transit agencies:

Tri Delta Transit (East Contra Costa)
Wheels (Dublin, Pleasanton Livermore)
WestCat (West Contra Costa)
AC Transit (Rt. 74 at Orinda BART)
Benicia Breeze
Rio Vista Breeze
Capital Corridor (Free Bus Transfers Only)

Select Service Trips
Select trips are subject to change, call 676-7500 for detailed information.

S - Mon - Fri School days only
W - Wed School days only
X - Mon School days only
Y - Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri School days only

Regional Transit Card
RTC cardholders ride FREE daily from 10 AM - 2 PM. See reverse side for eligibility requirements or call Customer Service 676-7500.

106 Saturday

Lafayette BART to Orinda BART

BART																			
From Pittsburg/ Bay Point	From SFO	Leave Lafayette BART	Moraga Rd/ Mt. Diablo	St. Mary's College	Moraga Rd/ Moraga Wy	Moraga Wy/ Glorietta	Arrive Orinda BART	To SFO	To Pittsburg/ Bay Point	From Pittsburg/ Bay Point	From SFO	Leave Orinda BART	Moraga Wy/ Glorietta	Moraga Wy/ Moraga Rd	St. Mary's College	Moraga Rd/ Mt. Diablo	Arrive Lafayette BART	To SFO	To Pittsburg/ Bay Point
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Orinda BART to Lafayette BART

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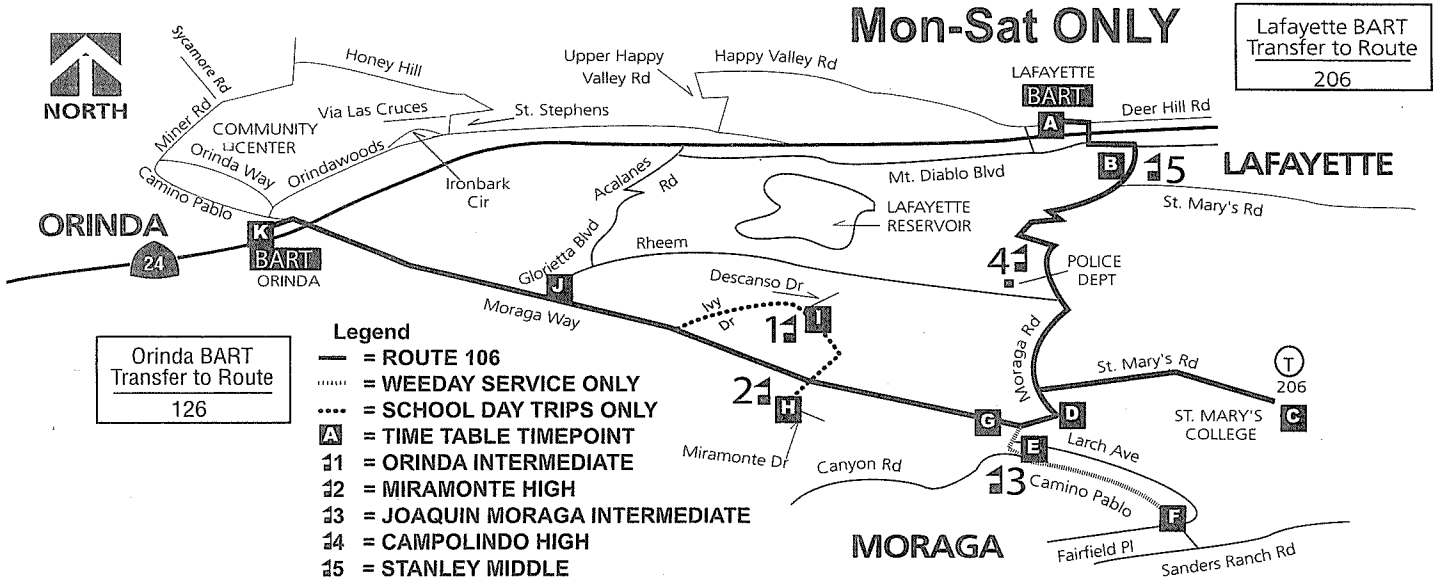

Lafayette BART Transfer to Route 206

Orinda BART Transfer to Route 126

Legend

- = ROUTE 106
- = WEEDAY SERVICE ONLY
- = SCHOOL DAY TRIPS ONLY
- A = TIME TABLE TIMEPOINT
- 11 = ORINDA INTERMEDIATE
- 12 = MIRAMONTE HIGH
- 13 = JOAQUIN MORAGA INTERMEDIATE
- 14 = CAMPOLINDO HIGH
- 15 = STANLEY MIDDLE

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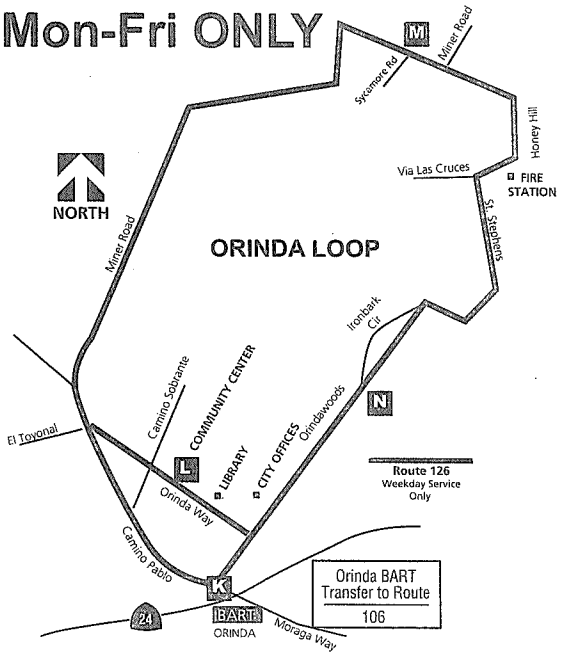
Mon-Fri ONLY



Orinda BART Transfer to Route 106

Days and Hours of Operation

Refer to the Route Map and Schedule available for each route, visit www.cccta.org, or call Customer Service* at 925-676-7500 for exact hours of operation and frequency of service.

Weekdays - Buses operate from approximately 5:30 AM to 9:30 PM. Select service is available on several routes on school days.

Saturdays - Buses operate from approximately 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Sundays - Limited hours of service is available on six routes.

Holidays - With the exception of Route 820 All Nighter, buses do NOT operate on the following days:

New Years Day	Labor Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Independence Day	Christmas Day

Regular service is provided on:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Veteran's Day
President's Day	day after Thanksgiving
Easter	Christmas Eve
Columbus Day	New Year's Eve

***Customer Service phone hours 925-676-7500:**

Monday – Friday	6:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Sunday	Closed

County Connection Transportation Center
220 Ygnacio Valley Rd
Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925-676-7500

Monday – Friday	6:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Saturday – Sunday	Closed

The Transportation Center is located at the Walnut Creek BART station and offers an array of County Connection publications as well as maps and schedules for other Bay Area transit providers. Customer Service Representatives are available to assist with the following:

- -County Connection monthly pass and punch card sales
- -BART ticket sales
- -Accept and process applications for Regional Transit Connection (RTC) Discount Cards from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- -Personal trip planning
- -Provide access to planning documents and reports for review

The center is home to County Connection's Lost and Found Department. Items found on the bus are retained for 30 days.

Hearing/Speech impaired persons can contact the Transportation Center for information via Sprint's California Relay Service:

TT Users: 800-735-2929 **Voice: 800-735-2922**

- -All County Connection vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts or ramps and securements.
- -Smoking is NOT allowed on CCCTA buses.
- -Drivers DO NOT make change. Please have exact fare ready.
- -Bike racks available on all CCCTA buses.

BUS FARES

Effective February 1, 2006

CASH	Regular Fare (ages 6-64)	Senior/Disabled* (age 65+/proof of disability)
Local **100, 200, 300 series routes**	**$1.75**	**$0.85**
Express **900 series routes**	**$2.00**	**$0.85**
Route 8 **Monument Community Shuttle**	**$0.50** **$0.75**	**$0.50** **$0.75**
BART-to-Bus Transfer	**$0.85**	**$0.40**

Monthly Pass and Punch Cards

Monthly Pass Valid for unlimited use on all fixed routes for the month	**$53.00**
12-Ride Punch Card Valid on all fixed routes	**$17.00**
Commuter Punch Card 20 regular rides & 20 BART-to-Bus Transfers	**$36.00**
Route 8 10-Ride Punch Card Valid ONLY on Route 8 Monument Community Shuttle	**$ 5.00**
Senior/Disabled 20-Ride Punch Card Valid on all fixed routes	**$13.00**

*Children under 6 ride FREE, when accompanied by adult. Children under 6 may not ride without an adult.

Regional Transit Connection Discount Card (RTC)

Why get a RTC card? RTC card holders ride FREE everyday from 10 AM - 2 PM.

How do you get a RTC card? Go to the County Connection Transportation Center located at Walnut Creek BART to fill out an application from 7 AM - 5 PM Monday-Friday.

Are you eligible? If you have one of the following:

- DMV placard
- Medicare Card
- Senior 65 or older
- Veteran Disability
- Disabled persons without the above can request an application for a doctor to complete.
- Fee for a new RTC card is $3.00. To replace a card is $5.00.

Strollers on Buses

Children must be removed from the stroller once on the bus and strollers must be folded and stored under seats or stored free of doorways and aisles.

CCCTA Safety Policies

CCCTA enforces all internal safety policies, as well as criminal statutes and municipal ordinances, to ensure the safety of our passengers and the public at large. A copy of County Connection's "Rules of the Road" is available upon request.

County Connection Administrative Office
2477 Arnold Industrial Way
Concord, CA 94520
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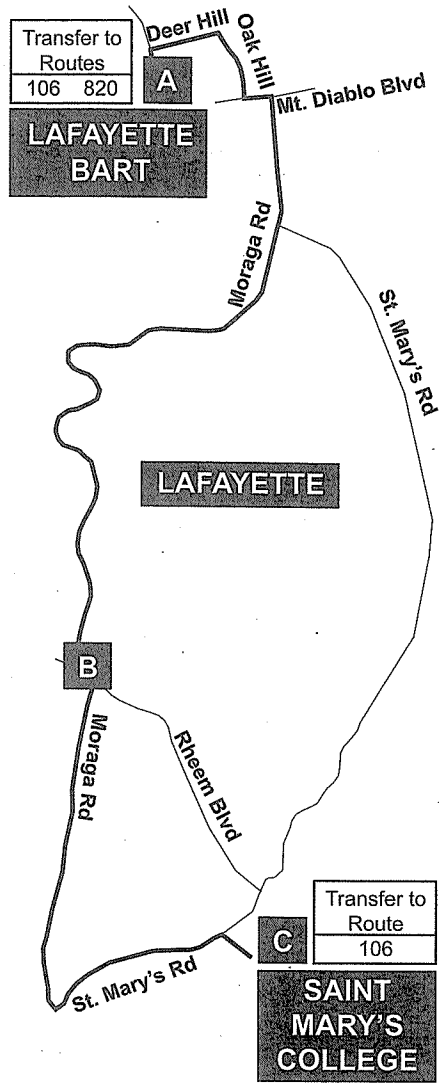


The County Connection 250

Route Map and Schedule

DEMONSTRATION SERVICE
MARCH 1 - MAY 28, 2008

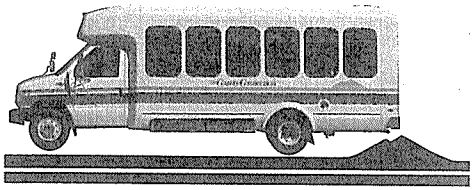
SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE GAEL RAIL SHUTTLE

Thursday - Sunday Service ONLY
Lafayette BART
Moraga Rd
Saint Mary's College

Effective Date: March 1, 2008

Information 925-943-1829 **www.cccta.or**

BUS TO BART



Go Ahead! Stay Out Late!
Gael Rail Shuttle
Demonstration Service

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• **Late night service Thursday - Sunday**
The Gael Rail Shuttle is a **FREE** service to Saint Mary's College students when they present their valid student ID card.

This service is available to the general public at the standard fixed route cash fare of $1.75 each way.

• **Flag Stops**
The bus will stop at any existing bus stop, but will also make stops in between. Simply wave to the driver to "flag" down the bus, and the driver will pull over at the nearest safe location.

• **Regional Transit Card**
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PM times in BOLD

250 Thursday - Friday

Lafayette BART - Saint Mary's College

BART								BART	
From Pittsburg/ Bay Point	From SFO	Leave Lafayette BART	Moraga Rd/ Rheem Blvd	Arrive Saint Mary's College	Leave Saint Mary's College	Moraga Rd/ Rheem Blvd	Arrive Lafayette BART	To SFO	To Pittsburg/ Bay Point
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250 Saturday

Lafayette BART - Saint Mary's College

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For a regional map with complete schedule information, visit www.511.org or call 676-7500.

820 Monday - Friday

Concord BART to 14th St Oakland to Concord BART

Concord BART	Pleasant Hill BART	Walnut Creek BART	Lafayette BART	Orinda BART	14th Street	14th Street	Orinda BART	Lafayette BART	Walnut Creek BART	Pleasant Hill BART	Concord BART
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820 Saturday

Concord BART to 14th St Oakland to Concord BART

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820 Sunday

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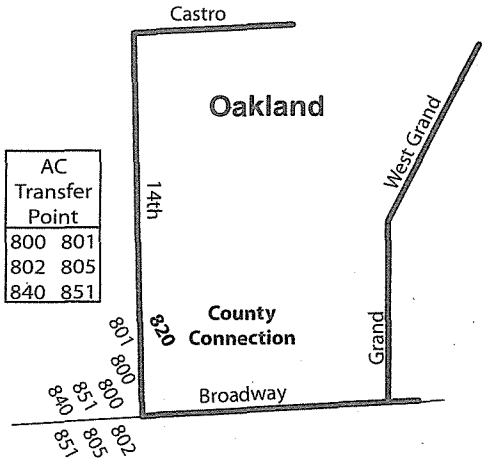

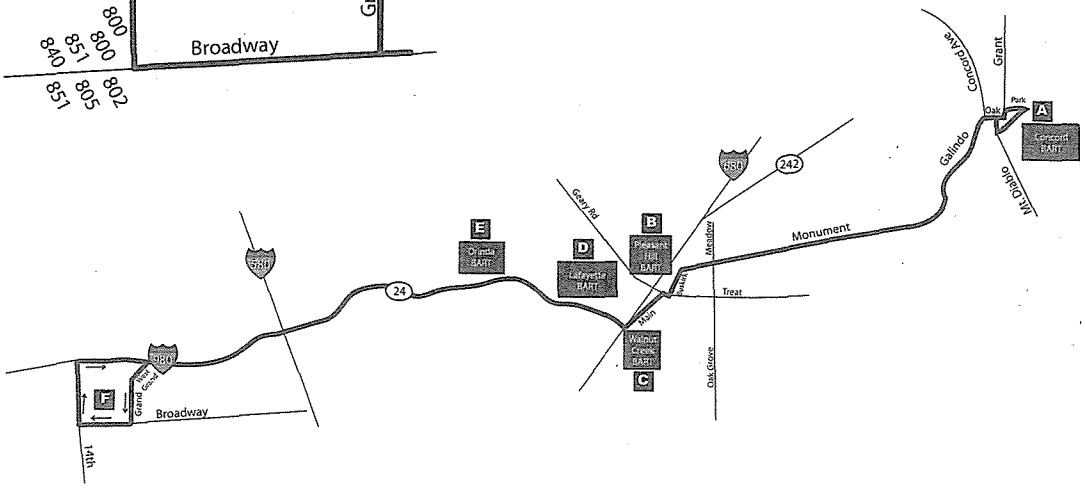

November 20, 2008

Anne Muzzini
Director of Planning and Technical Services
Central Contra Costa Transit Authority
3477 Arnold Industrial Way
Concord, CA 94520

Dear Ms. Muzzini:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on County Connection's proposed 2009 Spring Service Changes. Both the Lafayette Circulation Commission and City Council have reviewed the proposal and the City Council authorized sending this letter at its December 8, 2008 meeting.

We wish to first highlight several issues that provide important context to our comments.

First, the two prior County Connection service changes resulted in the City of Lafayette's residents, businesses and their employees experiencing significant reductions in transit service. The current Route 206 schedule is so curtailed that if a resident wanted to ride the bus to work in the morning, there is no service offered to return in the evening. A passenger destined for downtown Walnut Creek who wishes to remain on the same transit system, would need to travel south to Rossmoor, transfer buses and then head north to downtown Walnut Creek. To suggest that ridership in Lafayette is low, acknowledgement also needs to occur of the circuitous network connections and infrequency of service.

Second, in 2007 the City of Lafayette undertook a transportation survey of its downtown employers and employees. This survey indicated that 40% of downtown employees commute to Lafayette from nearby jurisdictions to the north and east of the City; yet there is no direct County Connection service between Lafayette and Downtown Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Martinez etc. Downtown employees and employers frequently complain about the lack of parking for employees and the City of Lafayette has been actively working with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to transition employees from driving to transit to help improve the situation.

Third, the current County Connection network leaves Lafayette disconnected from the remainder of the transit system during almost all hours of the day. The existing routes do not provide feeder service to County Connection's trunk lines.

Finally, we are concerned about the way that data are being presented via the "dot maps" to justify the reduction in service. It is unfair to compare total ridership between a route with only a handful of bus runs per day with other routes that are more frequent in service. As an example, in terms of ridership, Route 206 with only a handful of buses a day will of course pale in comparison to Route 110 with runs every 15 minutes throughout the day. This should not be the sole justification for reducing Route 206 further. The information presented at your public workshop, and presumably to policy makers, should be "normalized" so that some per-unit basis could be used to compare data in an unbiased way.

Below are our specific comments on the proposed service changes:

1. We support the proposed addition of Sunday schedules accomplished through the re-allocation of existing staff resources. This is a wonderful example of a win-win situation.

2. The proposed cut of Route 206 would eliminate transit access to the Lafayette Community Center and Senior Center on St. Mary's Road. It would also eliminate the link between Lafayette and the community of Rossmoor. If Route 206 is discontinued, extend Route 106 north from St. Mary's College to the Lafayette Community Center.

3. Provide a direct transit connection between Downtown Lafayette and Downtown Walnut Creek via Mt. Diablo Boulevard. This route would:

    a. Link Lafayette to the rest of the County Connection system;

    b. Provide service to at least two large employers on the east end of Lafayette's downtown;

    c. Link the Lafayette BART Station with the eastern half of Downtown Lafayette;

    d. Be consistent with the recent feedback we have received from businesses and residents during our Downtown Strategy Plan process; and

    e. Provide service unique from BART by having buses entering Downtown Walnut Creek near its southern boundary.

4. In order to minimize service cuts, we would support earlier implementation of fare increases and the elimination of the mid-day, free rides for seniors. Seniors on County Connection currently receive discounted fares at other times of day. We support continuation of the senior fare discount.

5. When you begin to develop schedules in response to the adopted service changes, transit service should be provided so riders can transfer to and from BART and County Connection during both the morning and evening commute periods. To accomplish this the evening commute period should extend beyond 6:00 PM.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2009 Spring Service Changes. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Leah Greenblat, Transportation Planner, at 925.299.3229.

Thank you again for seeking our input.

Sincerely,

[Click here and type your name]
Mayor

cc:

12/1/08 Handout to Circulation Commissio from Erling Horn

PROPOSED ROUTING TO JOHN MUIR HOSPITAL KAISER W.C. / SHADELANDS

106 TO BART LAFAYETTE

125 TO BART WALNUT CREEK

101 TO J. MUIR OR SHADELANDS

104 OR 105 TO KAISER W.C.

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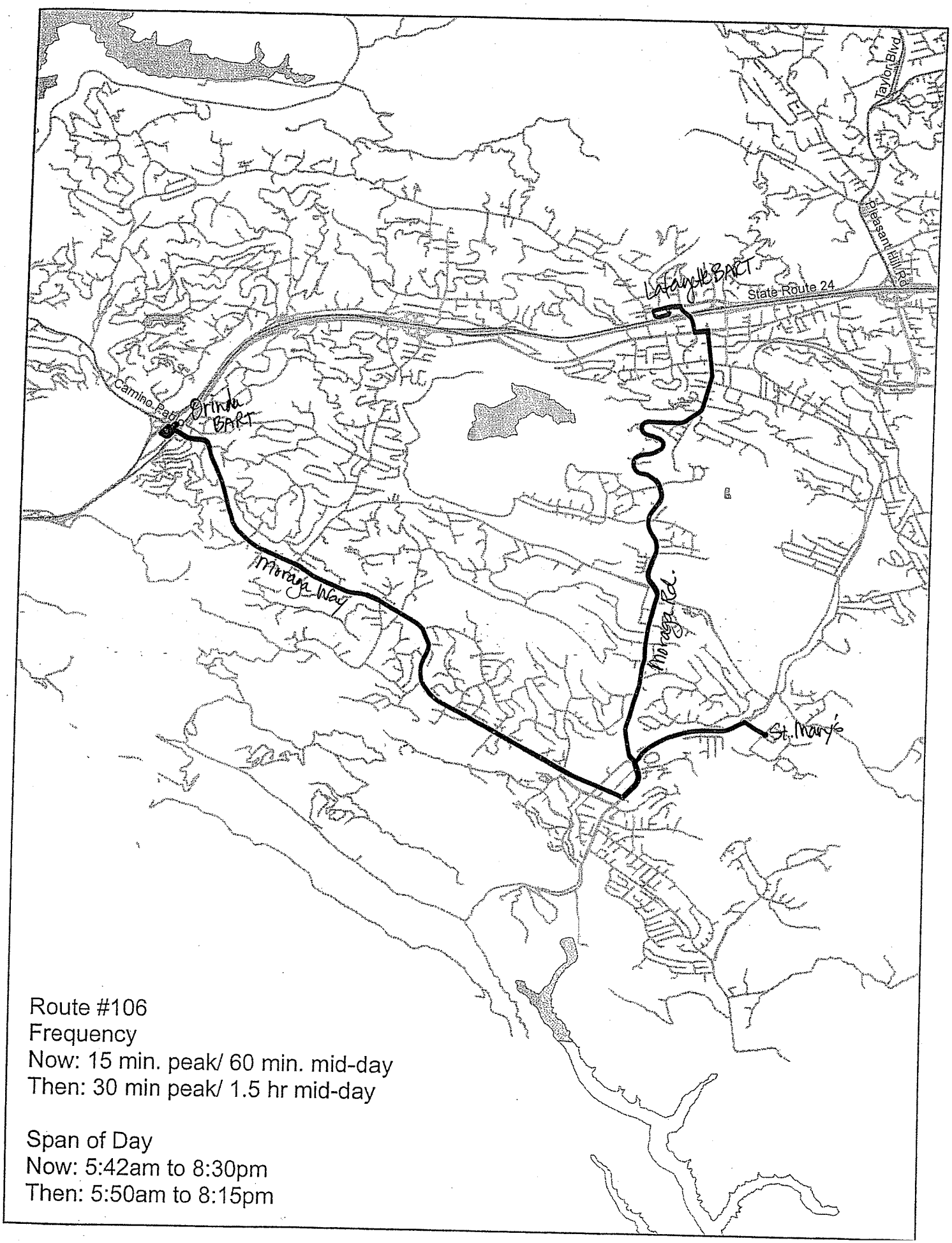

Route #106
Frequency
Now: 15 min. peak/ 60 min. mid-day
Then: 30 min peak/ 1.5 hr mid-day

Span of Day
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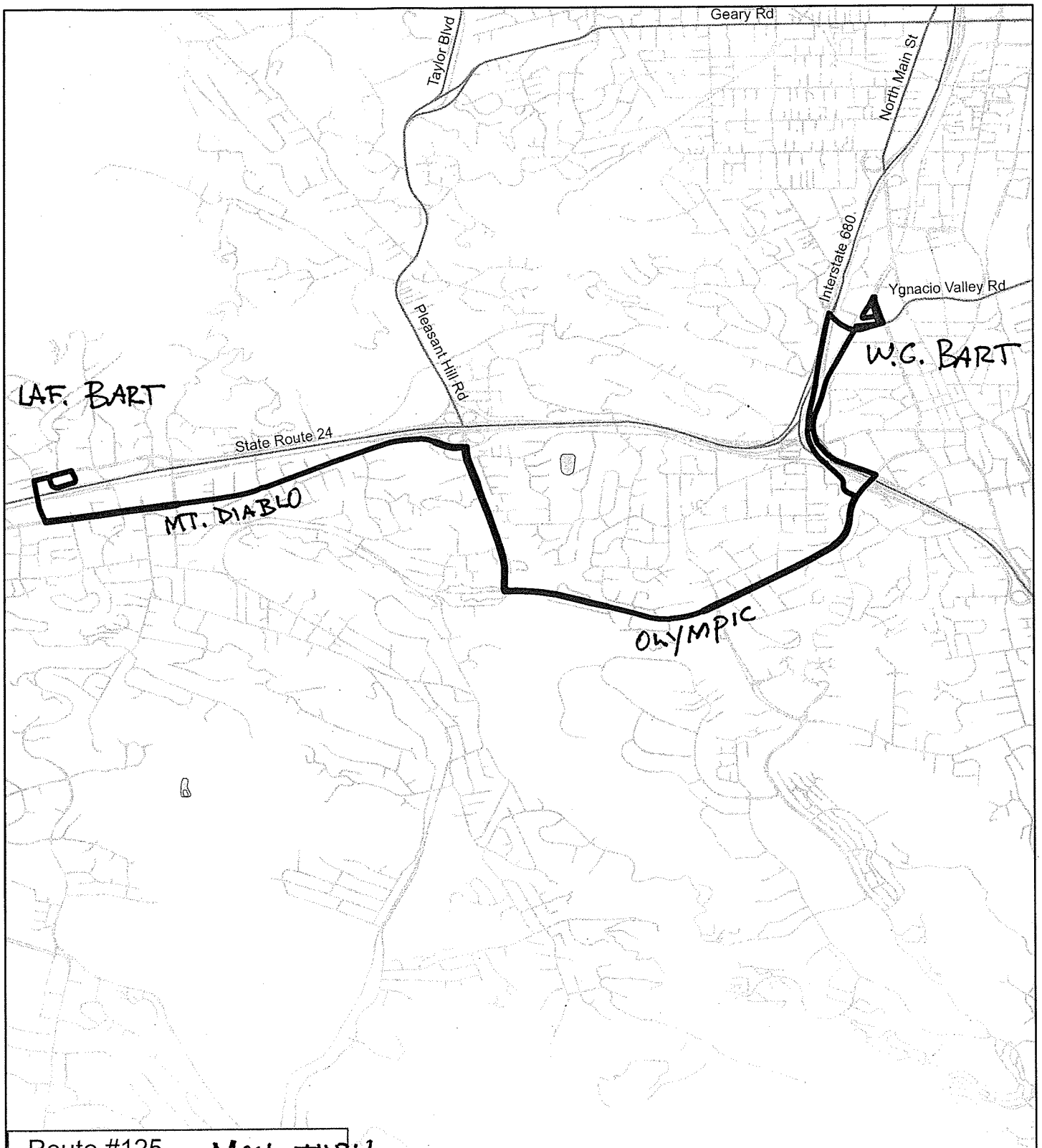
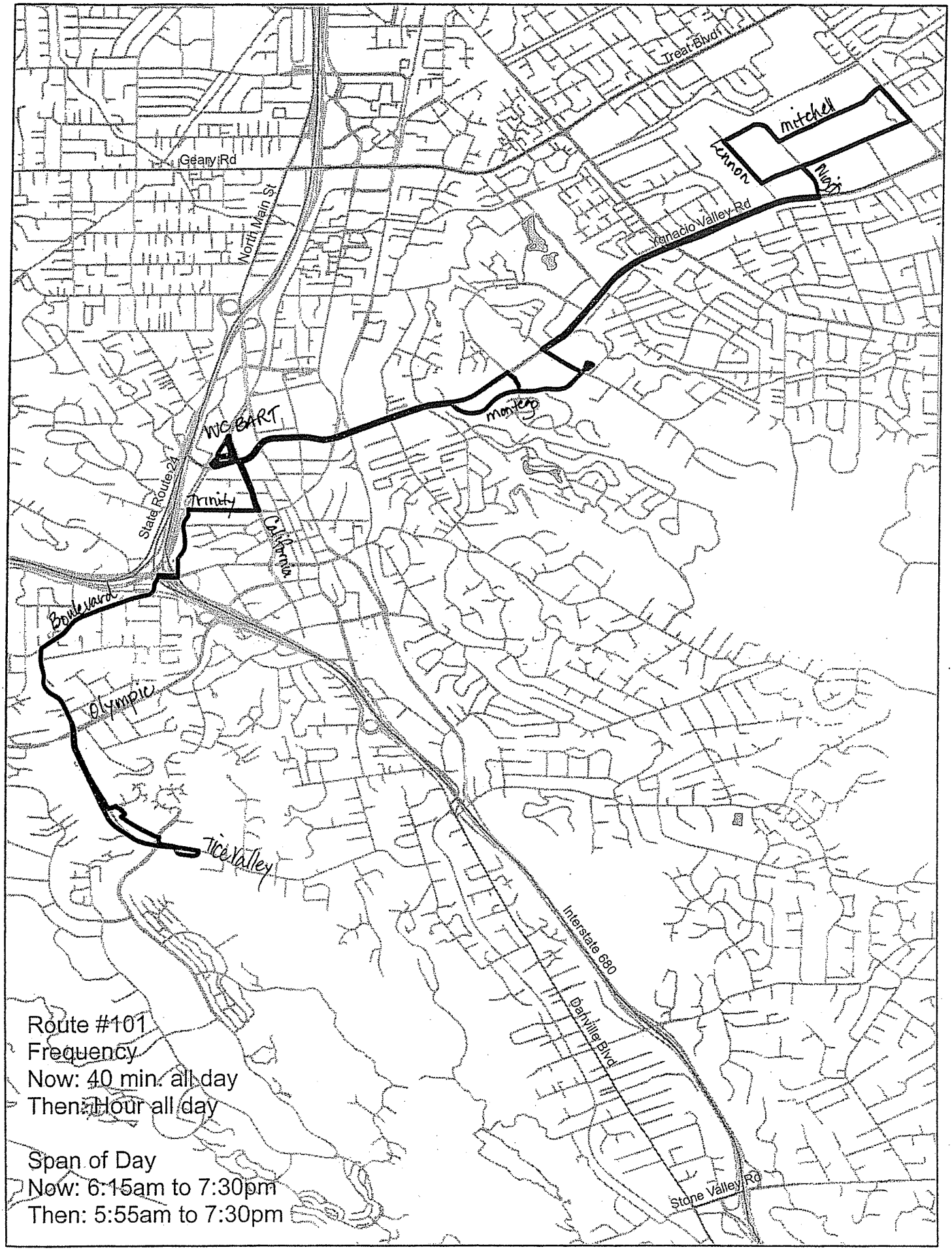
Then: 5:50am to 8:15pm



Route #125 MON. THRU FRIDAY
Frequency
Now: 0
Then: 60 min all day

Span of Day
Now: 0
Then: 7:30am to 6:30pm

PROPOSED ROUTE
RESPONSE TO ITEM 3 NOV. 20TH LETTER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Interstate 680
Danville Blvd
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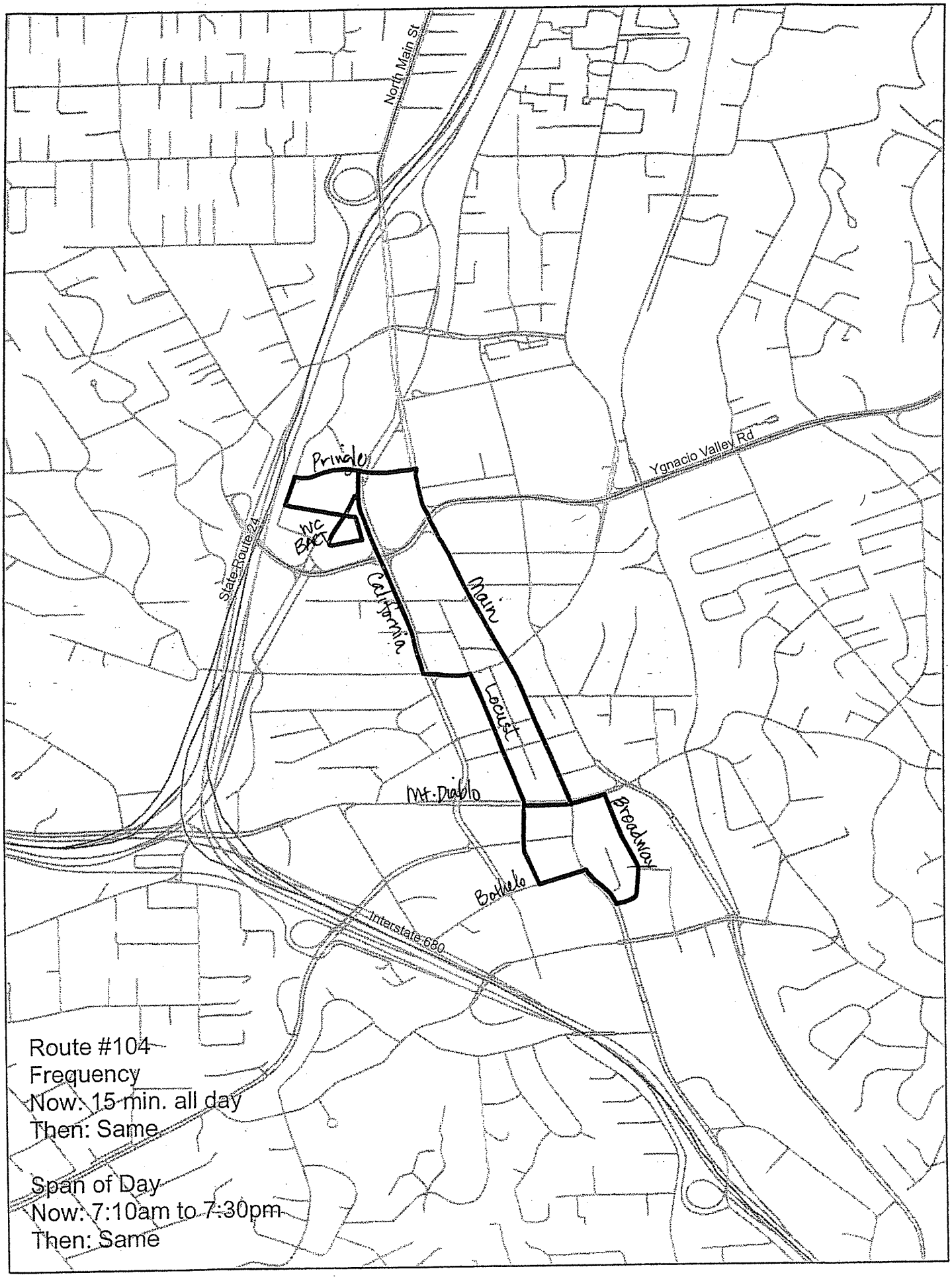
Route #101
Frequency
Now: 40 min. all day
Then: Hour all day
Span of Day
Now: 6:15am to 7:30pm
Then: 5:55am to 7:30pm



Route #104
Frequency
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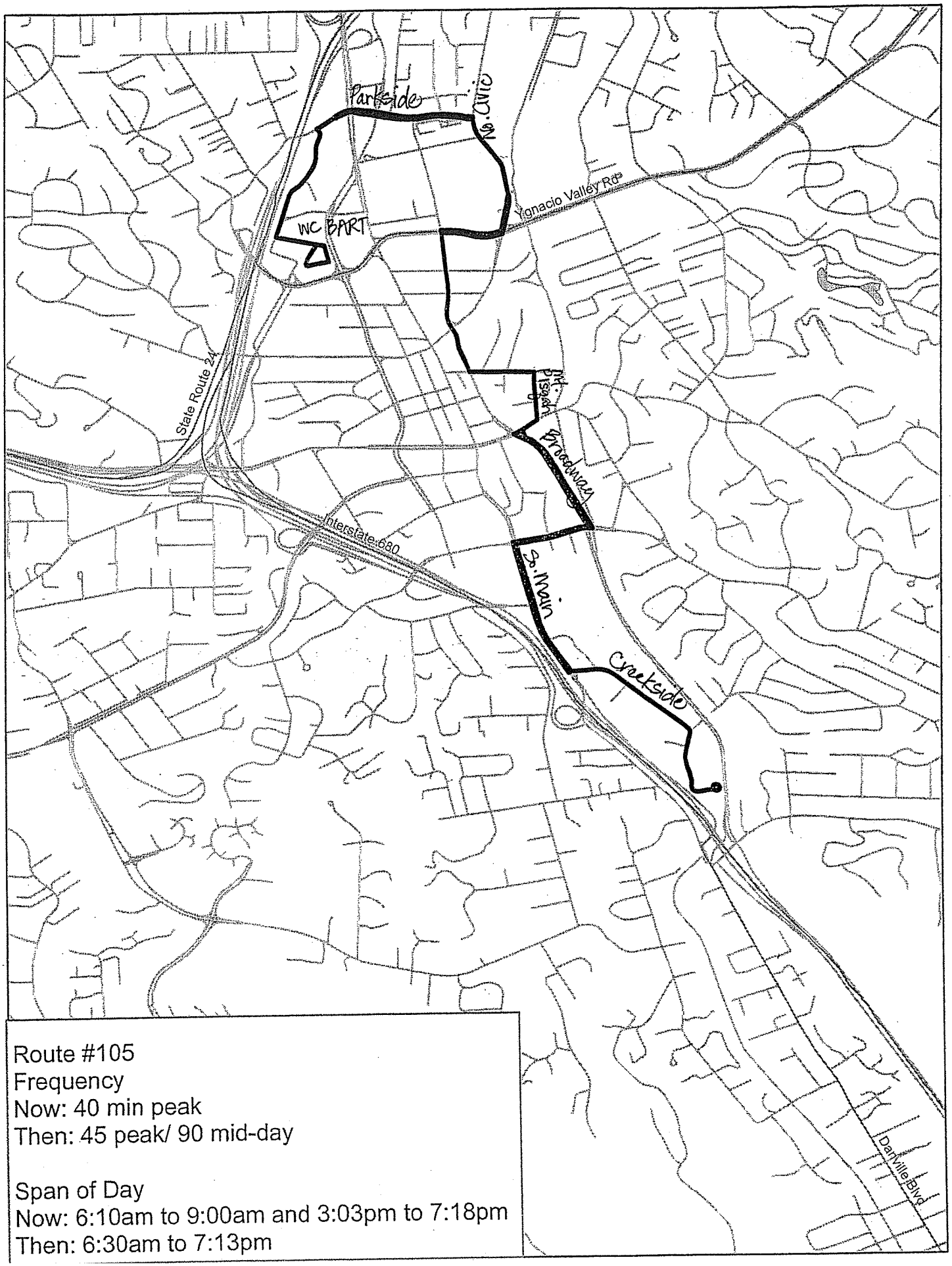
Then: Same

Span of Day
Now: 7:10am to 7:30pm
Then: Same



Route #105
Frequency
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Then: 45 peak/ 90 mid-day

Span of Day
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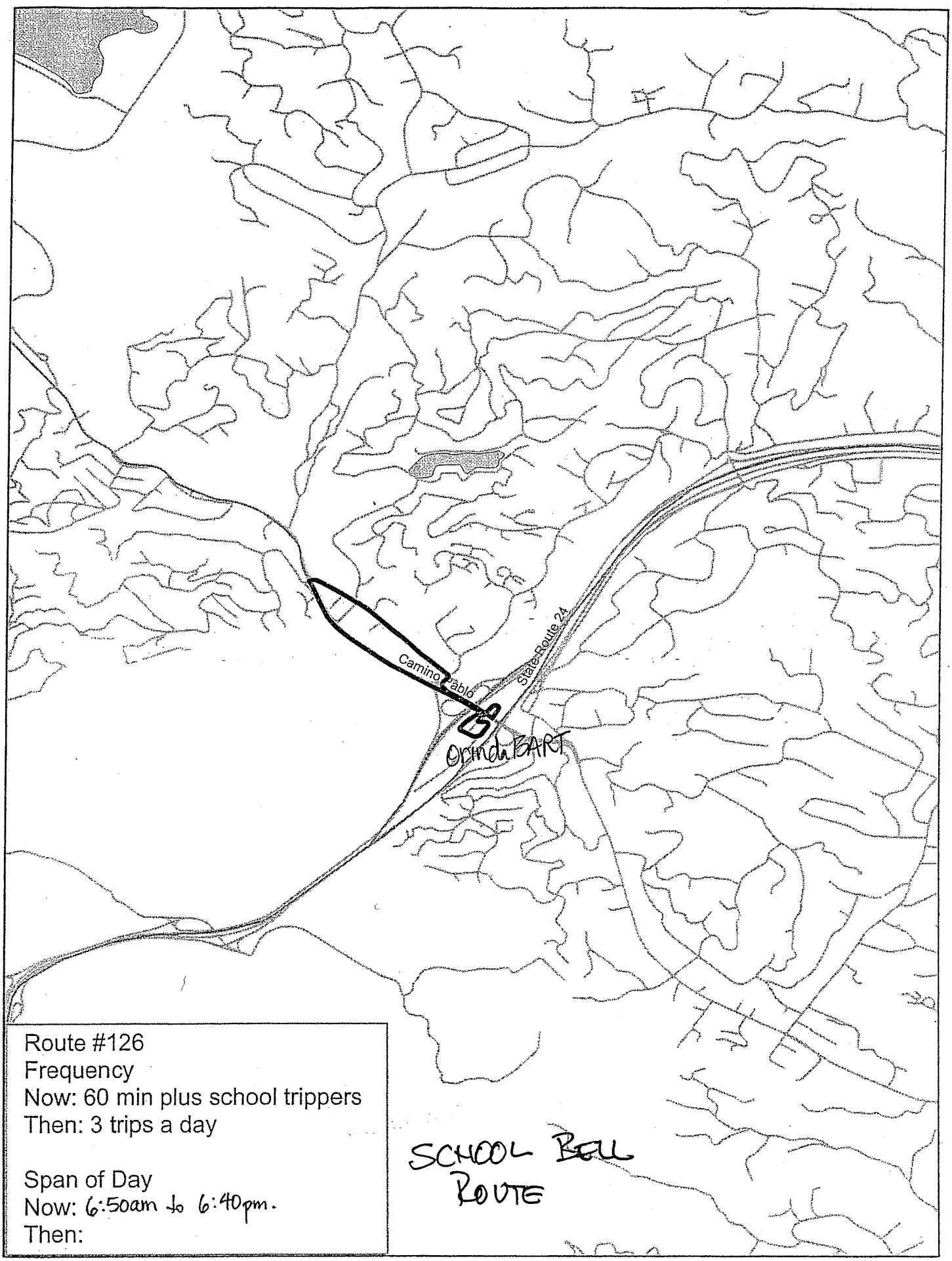
Then: 6:30am to 7:13pm



Route #126
Frequency
Now: 60 min plus school trippers
Then: 3 trips a day

Span of Day
Now: 6:50am to 6:40pm.
Then:

SCHOOL BELL ROUTE